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Appendix I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 2999 asked by Sri S. Pakkiri-swami Pillai (on behalf of Sri S. C. C. Anthony Pillai) at the meeting of the Legislative **Assembly** held on 27th January 1956, page **141** supra.]

Statistics—Cost of living index—Basis of compilation.

(*a*) For the purpose of compiling cost of living Index numbers for working classes in Madras City, the average of the rents in respect of 50 selected tenements or quarters occupied by industrial workers is taken into account. This figure is revised half-yearly on the basis of enquiries conducted to ascertain changes in the house rents.

(*b*) No item has been omitted in the compilation of cost of living index numbers for Madras City in recent periods as compared with 1939.

(*c*) When the Madras Electric Tramways were functioning, the tramfare from Parry's Corner to Purasawalkam was taken into account in computing the cost of living index for Madras City. When the Tramways were closed down the bus fare from Parry's Corner to Doveton which is very near the former tram terminus was taken into account. The fare was As. 2 in both cases and there was therefore no change.

(*d*) Up till 1941, prices were shown for certain selected vegetables. From 1942 onwards instead of showing several individual items, the average price for the vegetables is being adopted.

(*e*) The current prices adopted for the cost of living index include sales-tax in all cases where the tax is charged.

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